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Mark and Joannie Kingseed enjoy the 2015 Americana Festival.

Americana Festival to celebrate historical society's anniversary

Mark Kingseed named Grand Marshal

The Americana Festival will celebrate July 4th with the theme "Keeping History Alive...Centerville-Washington History's 50th Anniversary." As the largest one-day event of its kind in the state, the 43rd annual festival is expected to attract more than 75,000 visitors to downtown Centerville.

Former Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed will serve as the Americana Festival Grand Marshal. Kingseed was selected because of

his longtime commitment and significant contributions to our community. In addition to leading the parade, Kingseed will be recognized at the Grand Marshal's reception on July 3 at Benham's Grove.

July 4 starts with a 5K run at 7:30 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. by a parade along Franklin Street. More than 300 exhibitors and 70 food vendors will line North Main Street for the eclectic street fair. Displays start at Franklin Street and extend north to the Centerville-Washington Park District Activity Center, where carnival-style games and inflatables offer entertainment for kids. Along the way you'll find food, arts, crafts, staged and strolling entertainers and the car show.

The event ends with a bang at Centerville High School. Entertainment starts at 8 p.m. with the Beatles tribute band, Ticket to Ride, followed by a fireworks extravaganza at 10 p.m. Premium track seating is available for the fireworks show. (See full schedule on page 7.) Event details are at americanafestival.org. To volunteer or sponsor the event, call the Americana office, 433-5898.

Council considers next steps for addressing losses in State funding

As rising costs continue to outpace the City's budget, our challenge is how to maintain the high level of services we offer our citizens, given our low local tax rates and drastically reduced state assistance. We make every effort to give you the best value for your tax dollar. Over the past few years we've made significant reductions in staffing, increased our employee costs for medical insurance, *Council continued on page 3*

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CENTERVILLE**

State slashes Centerville's funding

\$3 million annual loss, 89% reduction

State funding cuts over the years have resulted in a steep decline in funding to our City government. In fact, since 2011, Centerville has lost nearly \$3 million each year. We continue to face on-going cuts and loss of revenue because of the policies and decisions emanating from Columbus.

City Council has been optimistic that we could grow our way out of this situation; however, it is becoming more evident that we cannot. Over the past few years and going forward, we are losing approximately \$3 million each year—an 89 percent reduction in state revenue. To put that into our budget terms, that amount would be equal to almost one-half of our annual Police Budget.

This is funding that will never be recovered and includes a \$2 million+ loss of revenue by the Legislature's elimination of the Estate Tax and the 50 percent cut in the Local Government Fund. In 2017, we'll begin to realize the effects of House Bill 5, municipal tax reform, another estimated \$1.0 million annual loss to our City. These cuts have led to a 20 percent reduction in the City's General Fund. Council must explore ways to recoup this \$3 million annual loss in state funding.

State Reductions include:

Tangible personal property tax reimbursements (eliminated in 2011)

- \$80,000

Estate Tax

- Eliminated in 2013 (\$2 million received in 2012)

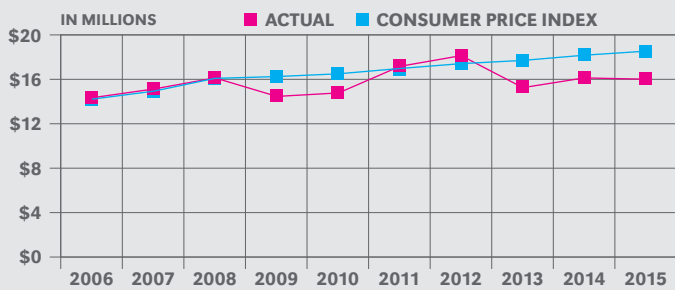
Local Government Funding

- 50% (\$325,000) reduction in 2013
- Additional 25% (\$100,000) reduction in 2015

Income Tax

- HB5 (NOL + new 20-day rule) (\$1.0 million)

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX HAS INCREASED, BUT CENTERVILLE'S REVENUE HAS NOT.



Price of asphalt continues to increase

City struggling to keep up

The City continues to absorb the cost of materials like asphalt, which has increased 122 percent over the last 12 years, without asking our residents for more dollars. Council recently toured City streets, reviewing their condition.

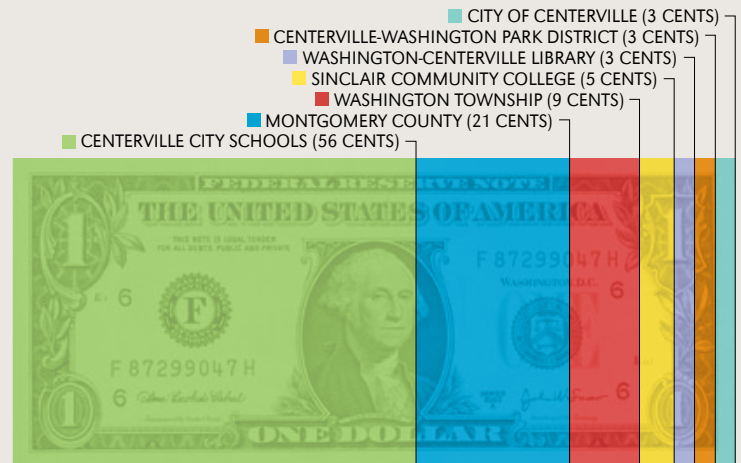


What does 3 cents to the dollar get you?

In Centerville, a lot. For every local dollar of your property tax, the City of Centerville's portion is the lowest, receiving just 3 cents.

That 3 cents is important because it provides for outstanding Police, roads and other vital City services that are enjoyed by all. Additionally, the City of Centerville is one of only a handful of communities that does not assess property owners for curb, gutter, and sidewalk repairs, street lighting or storm sewer utility fees.

Of your local taxes, Centerville's municipal property tax rate, at 2.35 mills, is the second lowest in Montgomery County. The Centerville municipal government realizes less than three cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 56 cents support the school district, 21 cents are allocated to Montgomery County, and the remainder is allocated to Washington Township (9 cents), Sinclair Community College (5 cents), Washington-Centerville Public Library (3 cents) and Centerville-Washington Park District (3 cents). Most Centerville residents pay more taxes for libraries or parks than for police and roads.



City's tax rate hasn't increased in 35 years

In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was President of the United States, Chris Evert and John McEnroe were the best in tennis, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" topped the movie charts and an upstart television network called MTV started airing music videos, Centerville City Council asked its citizens to increase the income tax rate to 1.75 percent. While much has changed in our world over those 35 years, that same tax rate—which provides more than 81 percent of Centerville's funding—is still 1.75 percent. Over the course of three decades, your City has been fiscally conservative, made purchases and improvements only when necessary, and as budgets dwindled, delayed and cut as needed. Our goal has always been to give our citizens the best services for their dollar. We serve as best we can with less, however, we are now at a critical time when in order for us to continue those same exceptional services, your City needs additional funding. Ultimately, it will be up to our residents to decide whether the services, programs and quality of life you enjoy in Centerville are worth a modest tax increase.

City relying more on income tax

Income tax, the largest single source of revenue for the City, is generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Centerville has been forced to increase its reliance on income tax revenue, which has been flat for the past five years.

We protect citizens and property, provide a nationally accredited Police Department, 24-hour dispatch services, quality road maintenance and offer an array of quality-of-life features that truly make our community unique. While Centerville's landscape has changed over the past 35 years, the quality services our residents have come to expect have not. In fact, these services and offerings have been provided with an income tax rate of 1.75 percent that has not changed since 1981—the lowest municipal rate in the Dayton south suburban area. We have stretched, reduced and cut costs, however, our financial situation is not improving. To continue providing these services, our City simply must consider a modest increase in the tax rate.

Centerville's cuts no longer enough to offset losses from State

Over the past five years, State funding losses have hit cities like Centerville hard. In order to offset those losses, Centerville City Council has stretched, reduced, delayed and cut the City's budget, staff and services. Now, however, it is clear that these measures are not enough and that the City is facing stark needs into the future.

"The hope was that in making reductions, combined with a certain level of economic growth, that we would be able to absorb the losses and 'grow' our way out of it," says Greg Horn, city manager. "It's clear now that the State cuts are just too deep, and we need to talk about stabilizing our funding for the future. That means taking a serious look at options and next steps, including a potential—but modest—tax ballot issue."

Always known for being fiscally conservative, Centerville provides an excellent value, and residents get more and pay less than other suburban cities in the south Dayton area. Even with a modest increase, the City would be at the lower end of that tax rate.

"We have cut and reduced our budget and delayed road repairs and other items in the hopes of not going to our citizens," says Mayor Brooks Compton. "However, the Statehouse in Columbus has made it clear: It is up to local governments and communities to support their local services."

City Council is considering a potential ballot issue this November asking for only what is absolutely needed to maintain current and future Police services, road repairs and other vital City services such as snow removal, leaf collection and curb and sidewalk repairs.

"Because of the conservative fiscal operations of our City and the excellent financial management and supervision provided by City Manager Greg Horn, we believe that the amount of a ballot issue—either a property or income tax increase—would be very modest," says Mayor Compton.

The Centerville Police Department provides 24-hour dispatch service. Officers from our nationally accredited Police Department protect and serve the residents of Centerville in a professional manner, offer several safety programs including Neighborhood

(Council continued from page 1) reduced contributions to local organizations and delayed purchasing equipment and vehicles. Although we have been tightening our belts to live within our means, our need for additional funding is real. We are now in a situation that, in order to protect our City and its residents from noticeable changes in Police, road and other City services, we must consider other options.

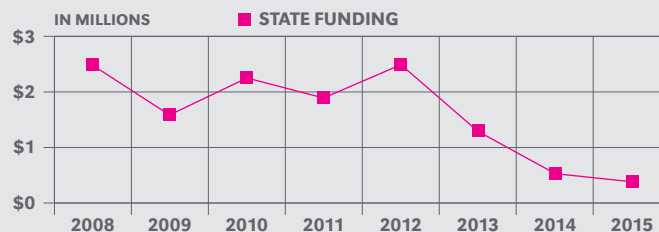
The safety and security of our citizens is of paramount importance. Police officers must be available. Our roads must be safe. Maintenance issues must be addressed. After exhausting all other cost-cutting measures, City Council and staff are now researching revenue options, including a possible but modest increase in our tax rate. Our citizens will ultimately decide what our best financial approach will be going forward, but doing nothing, is not an option.

Watch, vacation house checks and a Citizens' Police Academy and respond within minutes to emergency calls, providing peace of mind for our residents, guests and motorists. Every Centerville Police Officer is a certified first-responder.

Our neighborhoods are the backbone of our City. Safe and well-maintained roads and sidewalks are important to our residents and businesses. Centerville's Economic Development office works to retain our 700 businesses while expanding that base with new businesses. Good, quality infrastructure is an asset to our neighborhoods and to strong and steady economic growth.

While Centerville is doing better than other cities, dwindling funds and budget cuts are a reality that we must deal with now. As always, Council will keep our citizens informed as new options are discussed and decisions are made with the ultimate goal in sustaining your City's ability to continue delivering the exceptional Police, street and other City services that our residents have come to expect.

THE STATE HAS SLASHED FUNDING TO CENTERVILLE



PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

Even with a modest increase in taxes, Centerville would remain a better bargain, getting more and paying less than our neighboring cities.

| | INCOME TAX RATE | PROPERTY TAX RATE | ASSESSED SIDEWALK | ASSESSED CURB/GUTTER |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| MORaine | 2.50% | 2.50% | NO | NO |
| OAKWOOD | 2.50% | 10.05% | YES | NO |
| KETTERING | 2.25% | 6.79% | YES | YES |
| MIAMISBURG | 2.25% | 7.03% | YES | YES |
| WEST CARROLLTON | 2.25% | 6.25% | YES | YES |
| CENTERVILLE | 1.75% | 2.35% | NO | NO |

CITY OPENS DISC GOLF COURSE

The Stubbs Park Disc Golf Course is open for play. Designed to introduce newer players to the game, the 18-hole course begins with wide open fairway shots while introducing challenges of water and trees. The course, at 255 W. Spring Valley Road, accommodates the walking paths and cricket field already at the park. There is no fee to play. All players and guests are expected to follow Park and City Rules. The course was largely funded by a Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant with additional funding from the City of Centerville and a grant from the Centerville-Washington Foundation.



Centerville-Washington Foundation awards spring grants

The Board of Trustees of the Centerville-Washington Foundation approved grants to six community organizations in its spring cycle.

- ▶ **\$1,400** to the Centerville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for the repair of the Police Department's speed board, which communicates traffic speeds, addresses citizen traffic complaints and is used for emergency messages
- ▶ **\$1,400** to Food2Go, a project of Living Hope Church, that serves Centerville City School children identified by school counselors as being at risk of going hungry during the weekend. In 2008, the program assisted 40 children, and will serve 160 children this year.
- ▶ **\$300** for a Little Free Library, using the "Give-A-Book—Take A Book" concept, for the park area at the Washington Township Recreation Center
- ▶ **\$500** to the Centerville Community Band for a Children's Concert at Benham's Grove
- ▶ **\$500** to support additional free concerts by the Centerville Community Chorus
- ▶ **\$1,875** to the YWCA HomeShare program to support lawn maintenance for the yard at its Centerville HomeShare house

The foundation reviews grant applications two times per year. Deadline for the fall cycle is September 1. Grant applications are at centervill washingtonfoundation.org. For more information, contact Bob Daley, 433-0811.

Employee retires after 30 years of service

Werner Boehm, who served in the City's Public Works Department for 30 years, retired in March. Known for his creativity and ingenuity, in addition to keeping City vehicles running and supervising the refuse crew, the Public Works supervisor helped make City operations more efficient and saved taxpayer dollars. Among his many contributions were designing and rebuilding a snow removal truck and leading the effort to purchase and build in-house a vehicle that by changing attachments can be used for leaf collection, snow removal or as a dump truck, flat-bed or tank truck for watering or de-icing operations. A master mechanic, he could repair anything. In addition, Werner provided outstanding customer service to our City residents.



Werner Boehm

Band entertains with variety of music

The Centerville Community Band offers a summer filled with musical performances.

In addition to the July 3rd concert at Stubbs Park, look for the band in the Americana parade

on July 4. The band takes the stage again at Stubbs Park on Aug. 21 joined by the Kettering Civic Band to play marches, Broadway tunes and more. The annual Children's Concert, featuring music from Star Wars, is Oct. 30 at Benham's Grove. Visit centervilleohio.gov/ccb/ for the complete schedule.



A warm and cheerful welcome to these businesses
~ new to Centerville ~

Unmanned Solutions 1792 South Metro Parkway

Salon Exclusive 29 Maple Avenue

By the Blade 29 Irongate Park Drive

Glossworks Auto Salon 7901 Clio Road

Skelton & Appley Sports 150 S. Main Street (new location)

Premier Family Healthcare 6601 #160 Centerville Business Parkway

Council sets agenda for 2016

During the State of the City address, given immediately before the March Council meeting, each Council member briefly addressed the audience before Mayor Compton gave an update on the City's financial situation, economic development, construction news and City activities. He reviewed the Cornerstone of Centerville's Fire/EMS issue with Sugarcreek Township, saying that although the City presented a responsible and equitable proposal to the township trustees last fall, Council is still waiting for a response. He also noted that many infrastructure projects are scheduled for 2016.

According to Compton, Council has set the following major goals for this year:

- Addressing the serious financial issues that Centerville is facing because of continued State cuts (see pages 1-3)
- Using Council's committee structure to work more closely with City staff in areas such as neighborhood relations, economic development, streets and highways, and bicycle and pedestrian needs and concerns
- Improving the interaction and communication between the City and its residents and neighborhoods
- Pursuing economic and planned development

Mayor Compton's address, both text and video, may be found at Centervilleohio.gov.

Council appoints clerk



Carin Andrews

Carin Andrews was appointed in February by Council to the position of Clerk of Council. Mrs. Andrews will serve as the City's official record keeper,

attend all Council meetings and work sessions, prepare the weekly agenda and assist the Mayor and six Council members.

Cornerstone continues to grow

Development welcomes new businesses, services

More than 1,000 eager shoppers gave Cabela's a "warm and cheerful" Centerville welcome during its grand opening celebration in April. Construction continues on buildings and infrastructure at the development on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. Panda Express, First Financial Bank and Kroger Marketplace are all under construction. Just opened is Shoppes II, with Wright-Patt Credit Union, Great Clips and another tenant, yet to be named. Cheddar's Casual Café, with seating for more than 350, is expected to open in June. In addition to Cabela's, the growing list of restaurants, shops and services include Costco, Chick-fil-A, Bagger Dave's, Domino's, 5 Star Nutrition and an AT&T store. Across Feedwire Road newly opened Tokyo Restaurant is serving Japanese and Chinese foods.

In anticipation of the increased traffic, the next phase of Wilmington Pike Improvements are underway and should be completed by late fall. This project includes widening the east side of Wilmington Pike from Dille Drive northward to Brown Road, the west side from I-675 to Whipp Road and a part of E. Whipp Road west of Wilmington Pike. Curb, sidewalk, storm sewer, landscaped medians, repaving, and a new traffic signal are included in the project. Funding for this \$2.5 million project is via tax increment financing (TIF), paid for by the new property tax revenues generated from the development in this area.

Cornerstone North Phase 3 public improvements will be underway later this summer. This work includes extending Cornerstone North Blvd. northward from its current terminus approximately 1,000 feet, plus a new connector road to Wilmington Pike called Village Center Drive. Funds from special assessments and tax increment financing (TIF) are paying for this project.

Yankee Trace to see new projects

Construction is expected soon on a couple of projects near Yankee Trace. The Groves at Yankee Trace, located between Yankee Trace Drive and Paragon Road, will feature 27 new single-family homes. The project includes connecting Yankee Trace Drive to Paragon Road. Randall Residence, Phase I, at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads, will offer independent and assisted living along with 21 four-unit villas.

Yankee Street under construction

The City of Centerville and the Montgomery County Engineer's Office are widening Yankee Street to three lanes from Social Row Road/Austin Boulevard to Winding Green Way. Barrett Paving Materials is the general contractor. Traffic will be maintained for all construction activities. The scheduled completion date is December 31, 2016.

Construction news update

To keep up with the latest construction news, sign-up to receive updates at centervilleohio.gov and click "Centerville Construction Updates."



Mayor Brooks Compton welcomes Think Printing to Centerville.



Mayor Brooks Compton and City Manager Greg Horn greet Mary Cabela at the grand opening of Cabela's in Centerville.

ARBOR DAY 2016



The City of Centerville celebrated Arbor Day with a ceremonial tree planting in April at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Representatives from third grade classes from across Centerville joined Mayor Brooks Compton, City Council and City Beautiful Commission members to plant nine trees, representing each of the nine Centerville elementary schools.

Library's Summer Reading Club underway

The Washington-Centerville Public Library's popular Summer Reading Club, Escape into Books, runs June 1 through July 30.

Age-appropriate reading clubs are available for babies & toddlers, children and teens.

Register online at wclibrary.info or in the library.

Contests and prizes offered.



Library launches video service

WCPL now offers patrons free access to Lynda.com, an online library of high quality instructional videos for learners who want to gain in-depth software training, research technology trends, develop creative techniques or enhance critical business skills. With over 4,000 videos available, visit wclibrary.info for more information.



Go to downtown Centerville for great buys, a lovely evening stroll and terrific food. Every second Friday throughout the summer, shops stay open late and your favorite food trucks will be at Main and Franklin streets serving up made-to-order meals, 5-8 p.m. Each month, the Heart of Centerville partners with a local organization or charity to raise funds and awareness. Join us downtown on June 10, July 8, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9. For more information, visit heartofcenterville.com.



BENHAM'S GROVE IS PERFECT

for summer events

Summer is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. The grounds are in tip-top condition, the flowers are in bloom and with three charming facilities, a gazebo and tent, this community gathering place offers many options. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.



Lions host Run for Fun

The Centerville Lions host its 5th annual 5K Run for Fun at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9 at Oak Grove Park.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Walk or run. Dogs and strollers are welcome, and medals and prizes will be awarded. This event supports several local charities. Register by June 24 for \$20 to receive a race shirt or \$15 without the shirt until event day. Visit speedy-feet.com or centervillelions.org.

City continues green efforts, using solar energy

Two ponds in the City's Stubbs Park, a 60-acre gem located on West Spring Valley Road, now have solar aerators to enhance overall pond health. Aeration maintains the health of the pond as undesirable growth won't occur in moving water as readily as it can in stagnant water. The new bubbler aerators were installed in the ponds north of the amphitheater and have a single solar panel that provides the energy to power them. Employing solar power for these aerators is estimated to save the City about \$200 annually in electric costs.

Thanks to a grant from Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, The gazebo bus stops at South Main Street and Loganwood Drive, South Main Street north of Spring Valley, and South Main Street in front of Kroger Marketplace, have new solar receptacles that compact the trash so the containers hold more waste. Not only is there a savings in labor and fuel since the receptacles need to be emptied less frequently than standard containers, the solar power is a renewable energy source, so there is no on-going electric cost. The project cost was \$12,850 with the RTA providing a \$10,280 reimbursement.

Centerville Farmers Market open for business

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market each Thursday now through the end of October. Market hours are 2:30–6:30 p.m. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, fresh local products like vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, honey, soaps and much more are available! Sign up to receive emails about the market at centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for updates.



AMERICANA FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Celebrate our country's independence with a variety of activities for the entire family!

JULY 3:

Centerville VFW Flag Ceremony and Centerville Arts Commission's Americana **Holiday Concert: 7 p.m.** Featuring the Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Community Chorus at Stubbs Park, W. Spring Valley Road

JULY 4:

5K Run: 7:30 a.m. Centerville High School Stadium, East Franklin Street

Americana Parade: 10 a.m.

Begins at Centerville High School on East Franklin Street and ends at Cline Elementary on Virginia Avenue

Street Fair: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Arts & Crafts, food, entertainment and more N. Main Street from Franklin Street north into Benham's Grove, and at the Park District Activity Center

Entertainment: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Stage and strolling entertainment throughout Street Fair, Benham's Grove, Burke Orthodontics, the Activity Center and Town Hall Theatre



Antique, Classic & Custom Car Show: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
N. Main Street

Children's Activities: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Activity Center Park Activities, entertainment, inflatables, games, spray ground and more—all designed for kids!

Walton House Museum: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
89 W. Franklin Street

Asahel Wright Museum: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
26 N. Main Street – Exhibit features Centerville-Washington History's 50th anniversary

The Grand Finale: Entertainment and Fireworks, Centerville High School Stadium
Entertainment starts at 8 p.m. with Ticket to Ride, Fireworks at 10 p.m. Enjoy music synchronized to the fireworks on Soft Rock 92.9.
Rain date (Fireworks only) is July 5 at 10 p.m. at the CHS stadium

Show your patriotism! Homes and businesses displaying patriotic decorations are eligible for the Spirit of Americana Patriot award.

For more information call 433-5898 or go to AmericanaFestival.org.

Beautification awards to recognize landscaping

Next time you visit downtown Centerville, stop and smell the flowers! The gorgeous flower beds at the Four Corners, the northeast corner of Main and Franklin streets, are planted and maintained by the City Beautiful Commission. The all-volunteer board also recognizes exceptional front-yard landscaping with awards in July, August and September to both residential and non-residential landscapes. Residents are encouraged to nominate a landscape. All nominated properties are reviewed by a CBC member, and one yard in each of the seven areas of Centerville is awarded a landscape designation. Email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151 with nominations.

The Commission is looking for interested residents—green thumbs not necessarily required—who want to help keep Centerville looking beautiful. For application information, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

City launches two electronic newsletters

News and information at your fingertip

In its continuing effort to provide ways for our citizens to stay connected, the City has added Centerville Connections, a monthly e-newsletter that provides City news, events, Council activities and more.

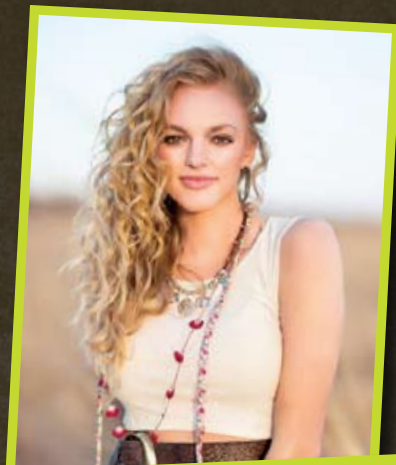
Centerville Construction is an email update on current and upcoming road/utility improvements throughout the City including Yankee Street, St. Rt. 48 and near the Cornerstone of Centerville development at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road.

To register, go to centervilleohio.gov and click Centerville Connections or Centerville Construction Update under quick links.

These electronic updates are the latest in the numerous communication efforts provided by the City including the website, Facebook and Twitter pages, YouTube channel and Time Warner Cable Channel 5 government access programs. For more information, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.



FREE Summer CONCERT SERIES



The 2016 Summer Concert Series, presented by the Centerville Arts Commission, kicks off June 5 at the Stubbs Park Amphitheater, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Concerts begin at 7 p.m., except where otherwise noted. The amphitheater offers lawn seating only, so bring your blanket or chairs. All concerts are free and open to the public, donations are accepted. Concessions are provided courtesy of Centerville Pizza & BBQ. Look for the complete schedule at centervilleohio.gov.

June 5

Ticket to Ride invites you "across the universe" on a "magical mystery tour" exploring the Beatles "revolution" in popular music and culture.

June 12

After over 30 years of entertaining, the 17-piece **Kim Kelly Orchestra** has a loyal following of big band & jazz enthusiasts.

June 19

Since they got together eight years ago, **Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers** have been seen by thousands of fans across the continent at nearly every national bluegrass event.

June 26

Cincinnati's favorite party band, **Soul Pocket** brings a high energy mix of Soul, Motown, R&B, Rock and Funk.

July 3

Kick off the patriotic holiday with our annual Americana Concert, courtesy of the **Centerville Community Band and Chorus** with a special cannon performance by the **Fifth Ohio Light Artillery**.

July 10 (6-9 p.m.)

With **The Menus** wild, side-splitting hilarious show combined with musical content profoundly orchestrated, this concert is a crowd-pleaser extraordinaire.

July 16 (Saturday)

Presenting a 14-piece **Elvis Presley Tribute Band** with Ryan Roth as Elvis that authentically recreates in concert, the sights, sounds, excitement and energy of Elvis Presley and his legendary TCB Band at the height of the King's career. Dancing is encouraged at the 6th annual Dance Night.

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor Bethany Village and Graceworks at Home, celebrating 70 years of serving area seniors. Call 436-6850 or visit BethanyLutheranVillage.org for information.

July 17

The Tom Daugherty Orchestra is a nationally known 15-piece show and dance orchestra featuring an exciting and entertaining Big Band Show.

July 24

Dance to the music of **Corky's Old Time Rock and Roll** playing a variety of '50s, '60s and '70s favorites.

July 31

Reload is a rock band that includes a strong horn section—two trumpets, two saxes, and a trombone.

August 7

Crowd favorites **Phil Dirt & The Dozers** perform vintage rock and roll hits from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

August 14 (6:45-9 p.m.)

She was known as the "Mexican, Hillbilly, Hippie" as a semi-finalist on Fox's American Idol (Season 14). Centerville's own **Alexis Gomez** is much more than just another fresh voice of Country music.

August 21

Centerville Community Band and the **Kettering Civic Band** join together to play every type of music from jazz to Broadway to beloved patriotic tunes.

Sept. 11 (4-7 p.m.)

GuitarFest features professional guitarists from the southwest Ohio region performing many guitar styles, including jazz, rock, classical, folk and fingerstyle.

Photos clockwise from top right: Ticket to Ride, Elvis Presley Tribute Band, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, The Menus, Alexis Gomez

Gold Sponsors are Burke Orthodontics, Centerville Storage Inns, Centerville-Washington Foundation, Centerville-Washington History, Day Air Credit Union, Heartland of Centerville and St. Leonard.

COOL ESCAPE, GORGEOUS VIEW, GREAT FOOD

YANKEE TRACE OFFERS IT ALL

Take a mini-vacation to enjoy the gorgeous outside patio view or dine inside the comfortable dining room at the restaurant at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Featuring lunch 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday–Friday, special dining events and Dayton's Best Sunday Brunch, Yankee Trace offers a cool escape. Call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org. Reservations are accepted for all of the events below:

Jazz on the Green every Wednesday evening

Smooth music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and unbeatable views are just the combination for an evening retreat. Yankee Trace hosts local jazz musicians on the patio every Wednesday evening. Offered 7–9:30 p.m. Wednesdays through August 31. Performers include Paul Caver, Brian Cashwell and Deron Bell. Reservations are recommended.

Neighborhood Dining Nights:

Open for dinner June 9, July 14 and August 11

We're serving a delicious special just for you—our neighbors! Join us for our Chef's Special Features, 5–8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Quench your thirst with \$1 draft beer specials. Our regular dinner menu is also available.

Patio Dining Special Events:

Join us on select Fridays this summer for Special Dining Hours, 5–9 p.m. on the Patio or in the Dining Room for fresh fish specials and all your favorites from our regular menu. We're open June 10, 17 and 24 as well as August 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please call for availability.

Kids can go back in time this summer

Travel back to the 1800's with Centerville-Washington History's one-day workshops for children.

Registration forms are available at the Walton House, the Asahel Wright House, the Aaron Nutt Cottage and local libraries. For more information, contact Cheryl Meyer, Education Coordinator, 291-2223, or cherylcwths@sbeglobal.net.

For students entering grades 3-5. Workshops are 9 a.m.–noon.

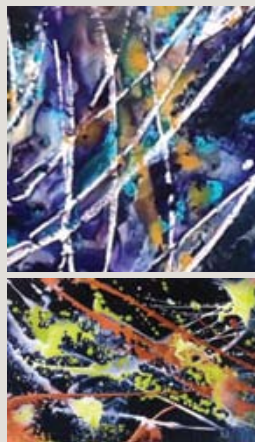
Write-On!: Journal like a Civil War soldier and experience reporting, poetry and story writing. June 22 and 23. Cost: \$25.

Old Tyme Woodworking: Build wood projects using tools to take home. July 6 or July 7. Cost: \$25.

Summer Day of Work & Play: Churn butter, make tin lanterns, play games and other activities from the early 1800's. July 13 or July 14. Cost: \$20.

School Days-The Old Time Way: Experience a one-room school house using slates and writing with ink quill pens and playing recess games. July 20 or July 21. Cost: \$20.

Pioneer Cornhusk Dolls: Create a one-of-a-kind cornhusk doll just like the pioneer children did. July 28. Cost: \$25.



Left top and bottom: Charli Dunford McNamara's work will be displayed in July. Right: Tony Lee's work features portraits and abstract art.

Art Gallery showcases local talent

Enjoy beautiful, lively artwork, conveniently located in the Centerville Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The Centerville Art Gallery is staffed 24 hours per day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Coordinated by the Centerville Arts Commission, the summer exhibit schedule offers a variety of mediums.

JUNE: The Artists of St. Leonard showcase watercolor, oil, acrylic and photography as part of the exhibit. Enjoy the works of Peter Losh, Keith Knue, Louis Duke, Donna Clark, John Fudge, Carol Vincent, Dean Kawsy, June Stone, Jean Wean, John Fleischauer, Marcia Burns Roark, and the residents of San Damiano.

JULY: Charli Dunford McNamara has achieved recognition as an accomplished watercolor and acrylic fine artist. Her paintings have traveled and exhibited both locally and nationally. An established educator, designer, fine artist and former owner of several small businesses, Charli enjoys her shared experiences, wisdom and life full of gifts.

AUGUST: Tony Lee has been drawing since the 4th grade. His favorite artists include Monet, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Rembrandt and Frazetta. Tony believes in the old school practice of figure drawing as a main component. He paints acrylic abstract art and portraits as well.

You oughta be in pictures

Online photo contest open August 1–31

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library are again hosting the "Beyond Point & Shoot" photography contest. Last year, more than 250 photos were submitted in the online contest. Entries may be submitted 8 a.m.

August 1 until 8 a.m. August 31 at wclibrary.info/photocontest/. Complete contest and workshop details are on the website.

Two optional workshops on Saturday, August 6 at Centerville Library will help aspiring photographers learn tricks of the trade from photographer Ed Ponikwia:

- ▶ **The Basics of Point & Shoot:** 10 a.m.–noon
- ▶ **Beyond Point & Shoot:** 1:30–3:30 PM



Plush fairways and well-manicured greens are just around the corner...

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is recognized as one of the premier facilities in the country, and it's located right here in your own hometown. Block out a few hours each week this summer for some rest, relaxation and fun at your local golfing resort. Call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or visit yankeetrace.org for additional information.

Yankee Tournament Series

Showdown at Sunrise: Monday, June 13, \$45 per person

Two Person Scramble: It's simple! Scrambled eggs & bacon followed by an 18-hole scramble. Yankee Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, awards and optional skins game. Register by June 10.

Firecracker Fairways: Sunday, July 3, \$80 per person

Four Person Scramble: Celebrate America's birthday on the links. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. and includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, Chef's select lunch, awards and optional skins game. Register by June 27.

Birdies and Brunch: Sunday, August 7, \$55 per person

Four Person Scramble: A winning combination—championship golf and Sunday brunch! Shotgun Start at 8 a.m. and includes 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, bountiful brunch, awards and optional skins game. Register by August 5.

The Patriot Cup: Friday, September 2, \$55 per person

Two Person Teams: Proceeds go to "Folds of Honor" to assist families of wounded soldiers. 6-holes Best Ball, 6-holes Alternate Shot; 6-holes Scramble. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, Fish Fry dinner, awards, optional skins game. Register by August 29.

Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Join our team of professional volunteers! This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. To apply, call 438-GOLF.

Summer Online Specials

Take advantage of our online specials by visiting yankeetrace.org. Go to the Reservation page and click the "Specials" tab.

Weekend Early Bird – Lunch is on us if you reserve an early bird "special" tee time online! (May–August)

Combo Golf – Reserve a pre-selected tee time online and receive 18-holes, golf car, practice balls, Yankee jumbo dog with chips or nutrition bar and yogurt plus a complimentary gift! (May–August)

Reserve a "Family Golf Night" tee time online and one child plays FREE with each paying adult Saturday and Sunday evenings after 5 p.m. Juniors ages 17 and under are eligible, cart fee extra. (May–August)

Weekday Sunriser – Reserve a "Sunriser Special" tee time online and receive a sleeve of Nike Tour RZN golf balls for each golfer. (May–August)

**See availability at yankeetrace.org/teetimes and click "Specials".*

Summer programs for youth

Youth Camps, ages 6-11:

Camp I: June 6-10 / Camp II: June 27-July 1

Four days of instruction, end of the week golf tournament, Nike golf shoes, Nike golf glove and sleeve of Nike golf balls.

Youth Player's Camp, ages 11-17: June 13-17

For intermediate or advanced junior golfers, includes professional instruction and on course playing time.

Stay in the construction know

Orange barrels are all over Centerville. Reduce frustration by registering to receive Centerville Construction Update, a periodic email notification from the City of Centerville on current and upcoming road/utility improvements that may affect your travel throughout Centerville. Visit centervilleohio.gov and click Centerville Construction Update under quick links.

Resurfacing projects set to begin

Following the Americana Festival on July 4, ODOT will mill and resurface North Main Street/Far Hills Avenue/SR 48 from Alex-Bell Road to Franklin Street. This planned work follows the water main replacement project as well as some gas main replacement work completed last year. Traffic will be maintained during the resurfacing project and motorists are asked to be patient with the progress. This ODOT administered project is funded with 80 percent state funds and 20 percent local funds.

South Johanna Drive improvements

The City has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to repair and resurface South Johanna Drive. The engineering work is underway and the project will be bid over the summer with construction occurring this fall. Improvements include reconstructing curb and storm structures prior to milling and asphalt resurfacing. By securing CDBG funds for this work, the City is able to stretch our limited street program funds a bit more.

Call Public Works, 428-4782, or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov with questions.

Street program underway

The 2016 street program is well underway and includes several different projects. Street program funds come from the City's general fund. With budget cuts from the state and increased prices for construction labor and materials, the dollars don't go as far as they did in past years. Centerville is one of the few local communities that does not assess for curb, gutter and sidewalk repair work. Centerville takes prides in having well maintained streets, sidewalk systems and drainage systems. Residents are asked to report concerns such as potholes and trip hazards so they can be addressed before they become a major problem.

Streets included in the 2016 asphalt resurfacing program are the southern portion of Clareridge Lane, Waterford Drive, Spring Ridge Place and Graywood Court. The long-awaited Yankee Trace Hiker Biker extension from Shawnee Drive to Paragon Road will be completed.

Also being resurfaced are streets where new water main was installed by Montgomery County Environmental Services last year. Those streets are Lakeview Drive, Cherry Drive, Martha Avenue and East Drive.

Concrete work on these streets was completed last year in anticipation of the resurfacing. Planned work varies on each street and may also include some pavement base repair before the milling and asphalt resurfacing. John R. Jurgensen is the contractor and work is expected to be completed by July 31.

Construction projects underway

Improvements on Yankee Street from Winding Green Way to Social Row Road are underway by Barrett Paving. This project is a joint effort by the Montgomery County Engineer's office and the City, and jointly funded with Federal, Ohio Public Works Commission, County and City funds.

Two water line replacement projects are or will soon be underway by Montgomery County Environmental Services (MCES). A project to replace the water main on East Franklin Street essentially in front of Centerville High School is underway with completion planned before the July 4 Americana Festival. The City plans to mill and resurface East Franklin Street from Main Street to Clio Road in 2017. Partial funding for much of this resurfacing project was secured from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) with a local match.

A second MCES project will be underway yet this summer to replace the aged water main on West Ridgeway Drive from North Main Street to Normandy Lane. This is a joint project between the City and MCES and includes not only the water line work, but curb repair, milling and asphalt resurfacing of the roadway. OPWC funds as well as County and City funds are being used to make these improvements. Work is expected to begin in July and completed by late fall 2016.



Street repair and other construction work will be on-going throughout the summer.

Streets to get makeover

In anticipation of these streets being milled and asphalt-paved in 2017, concrete curb and storm system repair work is now underway. The streets included are:

- Gershwin Drive: W. Franklin St. to Annette Drive
- Freyn Drive: Gershwin Drive to W terminus
- Tipton Court: Gershwin Drive to E terminus
- Gerber Court: Gershwin Drive to E terminus
- Bristol Drive: Annette Drive to S Main St
- Virginia Avenue: Bristol Drive to S terminus
- Concept Court: Bristol Drive to N terminus
- Tuxworth Road: Bellingham Drive – N terminus
- Benzell Drive: Tuxworth Road to Martha Ave
- Bethel Road: S. Johanna to N terminus
- East Drive: E. Franklin St. to Benzell Drive

The concrete program also includes sidewalk repair work in the Village South and Red Coach South neighborhoods, areas bounded by East Whipp Road to the north, I-675 to the south, Far Hills to the west, and Bigger Road to the east. Handicap ramps will be repaired at various locations around town with this project. Residents are asked to work with and around the contractor as the improvements are completed. Adleta, Inc. is the contractor and the planned completion date is mid-September.



Go behind the scenes at the Police Department

Our nationally accredited Centerville Police Department opens its doors to you to learn more about its operations. Applications are now available for the Fall class of the Citizens Police Academy. This 12-week program runs 6:30–9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, August 31 through Nov. 16.

Hear from our officers as they discuss topics including Laws of Arrest, Use of Force Continuum, Firearms, Polygraph, Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement, Professional Standards, Internal Affairs, Traffic Collision Investigation, OVI Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigations, and S.W.A.T. As part of the program, each student will have the opportunity to experience firing a weapon and given a rare opportunity to ride in a Police cruiser with a Centerville Officer. Applications are available in the Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, or at centervilleohio.gov, click Police tab. For more information, contact Officer John Davis, 433-7661.



Officer Ed Skinner

Police officer and staff member recognized

Officer Ed Skinner was presented the department's Life-Saving Award for his actions regarding a man in cardiac arrest. Officer Skinner noticed a car near Centerville High School, where he serves as the School Resource Officer. Upon closer examination, he saw the occupant needed medical assistance and began CPR, soon assisted by Centerville High School nurse Gayle Couch. The two continued CPR until the EMS squad arrived. It was later confirmed by the Washington Township Fire Department that Officer Skinner's and Mrs. Couch's heroic efforts saved this man's life, and he is doing well today. Officer Skinner



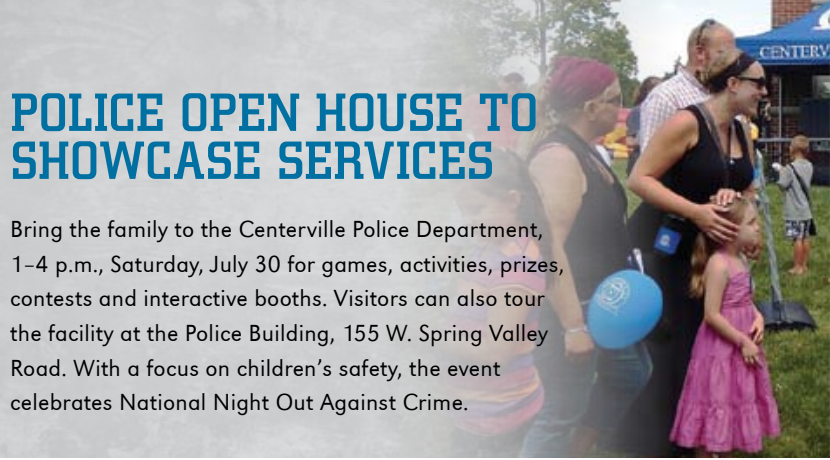
Christine Smart

received the Life-Saving pin for his uniform, and Mrs. Couch was presented with the Life-Saving certificate at the April Centerville Council meeting.

Christine Smart is the 2016 recipient of the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award from the Noon Optimist Club in Centerville. Named in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, Mrs. Smart started her career with Centerville as a Police cadet in 1985 and was promoted to Police Officer two years later. She served as the Juvenile Officer from 1989 until she left the department in 1994, returning in 1996 to work as a civilian. She has held the position of Staff Services coordinator since 1997. Her duties include grant writer, purchasing manager and the department's accreditation manager.

POLICE OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE SERVICES

Bring the family to the Centerville Police Department, 1–4 p.m., Saturday, July 30 for games, activities, prizes, contests and interactive booths. Visitors can also tour the facility at the Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. With a focus on children's safety, the event celebrates National Night Out Against Crime.



Vacation house check provides peace of mind

Vacations are a time to get away from it all and not worry about what's happening at home. Start your vacation knowing your home and belongings are safe and under the watchful eye of the Centerville Police Department. Before you leave, submit the request form, found at centervilleohio.gov under the Police Department link. During routine patrols, as time allows, a Police officer will check the exterior of your residence, including doors and windows, to ensure they are secure. If forced entry is detected or your residence is found unsecured, the officer will contact you. For more information, call 433-7661.



Each year, almost two million thefts from vehicles occur, with thieves stealing more than a billion dollars in personal items. Reduce the chances your vehicle will become a target:

- Lock your doors: Since August of last year, 85% of LOCAL thefts from vehicles involved unlocked vehicles.
- Remove valuables: Hide electronics and accessories out of sight, or better yet, take them with you.
- Completely close windows and sunroofs: Thieves may reach in through the gap and unlock your vehicle. Opened windows disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-ins and giving a thief more time before the alarm sounds.
- Park for visibility: Park in a busy, well-lit area, away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.



SAVE THE DATE

*Kalamán Golf Tournament is September 12
Annual event supports scholarship fund*

The 19th annual Officer John P. Kalamán Memorial Golf Tournament is Monday, Sept. 12, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. All proceeds raised go to the John P. Kalamán Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. The scholarship fund was established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán, who was killed along with Washington Township firefighter Robert O'Toole, while attending to an accident scene. For more information, or to support the event through sponsorship, call 428-4776.

centervilleohio.gov

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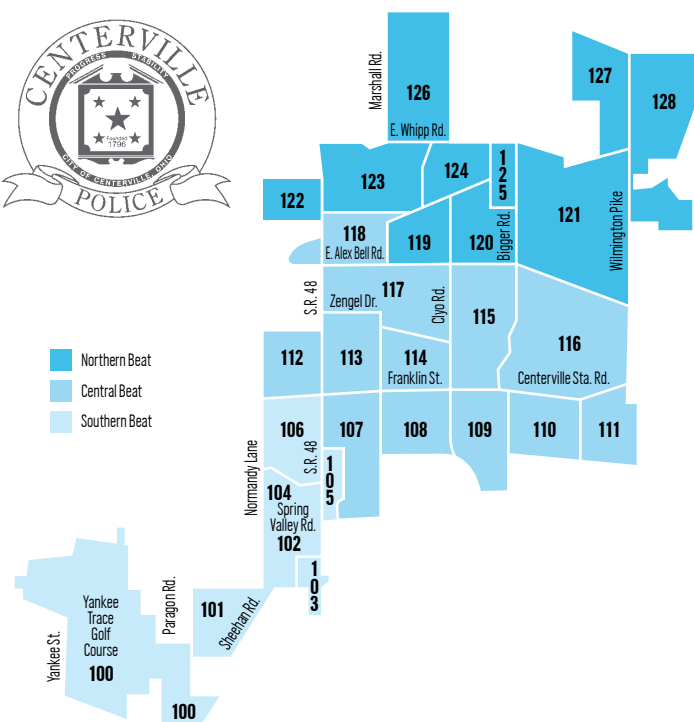
SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

Each day your Centerville Police Department strives to provide exceptional Police Service to our community. This can only be accomplished with your help. If you see something—or someone—in your neighborhood out of place, report the activity to our dispatchers. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress, or 433-7661, the non-emergency number, to file a report.

| RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES | | | | | | |
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Residential and Business crime statistics

Statistic Totals: February–April 2016



February 15, 2016

Mayor Compton welcomed Dee Huff, first reader, First Church of Christ, Scientist, to present the invocation.

Council recognized the Centerville High School Girls' Cross Country team and Coach Dave Dobson for achieving national ranking.



The CHS Girls' Cross County team finished 11th in national competition.

Kristen Dintaman, a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, presented information about Relay for Life, scheduled for May 14 at CHS.

Bryce Nickel was reappointed as a member of the Personnel Appeals Board and as a member of the Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board.

Norman Plair was reappointed as a member of the Personnel Appeals Board.

March 21, 2016

Mayor Compton welcomed Pastor Tony Miltenberger, Centerville United Methodist Church, to present the invocation. Girl Scout Troop 30584/30852 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carin Andrews was introduced as the new Clerk of Council.

Alexandra Bielecki and Korinna Lakes were recognized for achieving Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award.

Girl Scouts of Troop 30584/30852 including Kathryn Cordeiro, Kate Greenwell, Emma Thompson, Grace Rudolph, Elizabeth

Crump and Breanna Douglas, along with leader Susie Douglas, received a Certificate of Appreciation for creating a compost bin for the community garden at Stubbs Park.

Werner Boehm, a 30-year employee with the Public Works Department, was thanked for his service. He retired at the end of March.



Alexandra Bielecki (accompanied by her mother) was honored by Mayor Compton for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Council designated April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Centerville.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Carol Adams was appointed to the City Beautiful Commission.
- James Durham was reappointed to the Planning Commission.
- Jim Briggs was reappointed to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.
- Jan Prettyman was reappointed as chair of the City Beautiful Commission.

Council approved the Preliminary Development Plan for the Villas of Centerville with 16 conditions.

March 28, 2016 (special Council meeting)

Council approved construction and public roadways, sidewalks, sewer, curbs and sanitary mains along Yankee Trace Woods.

Council approved the widening of Wilmington Pike from Brown Road to I-675 and the widening and enhancement of E. Whipp Road.

April 18, 2016

Following an invocation by Pastor Jay Shailer of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Brownie Troop 35289 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Wenstrup, chairman of the Americana Festival committee board, thanked Council for the City's financial, logistical and in-kind support.

Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson presented Centerville Police Officer Ed Skinner and Centerville High School nurse Gayle Couch with the department's Life-Saving award for performing CPR on a man suffering heart issues. The man survived the incident.



Gayle Couch and Officer Ed Skinner (holding certificates) were honored with Life-Saving awards.

Centerville High School students participating in Youth in Government Day, which gives students an opportunity to meet with government officials, were introduced.

Carol Adams was sworn in as a City Beautiful Commission member.

Council proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month in the City of Centerville.

To view City Council meetings, visit centervilleohio.gov and click the Council Meeting logo at the top of the page. Following each Council meeting, Mayor Brooks Compton tapes a summary of the meeting, available on Time Warner Channel 5 as well as the City's Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Mayor's Message from Brooks Compton

The cold days of winter are behind us. We welcome warm weather to Centerville!

Warm weather brings graduations, weddings, outdoor activities, opened neighborhood pools, Centerville road and infrastructure improvements and of course, AMERICANA.

Many Centerville families will be celebrating graduations. City Council thanks all teachers, staff and administrators for sending Centerville children well prepared into the next stage of their lives. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Summer activities

The Centerville Arts Commission's free summer concert series kicks off June 5 at Stubbs Park, while Jazz on the Green at Yankee Trace is every Wednesday starting June 1. The Heart of Centerville adds an exciting social event to Centerville with Food Truck Seconds Friday events, June through September.

If you're new to golf, a low handicapper, just a kid or remember when a fairway wood was made of wood, there is no better place than Centerville's Yankee Trace to tee it up. If disc golf is your thing, Centerville's Stubbs Park has a new course for you to enjoy. And remember, Centerville's Benham's Grove is great on a sunny summer day or a starlit summer evening. In addition, our community partners at the CW Park District and WC Library both provide excellent summer programs and activities.

In Centerville July 4th weekend is all Americana! Thanks to the Americana Committee. You have made the Americana Festival in Centerville, the premier July 4th family event in Ohio. Don't miss it!

The Centerville Police Department's annual Open House with demonstrations, food and prizes is July 30. Round out the summer with a visit the Washington Township Firefighters' Ice Cream Social.

Police Department news

Warmer weather will provide an opportunity to meet the officers from Centerville's nationally accredited Police Department as they look out for your City. Centerville officers are always happy to meet and talk with you. In Centerville, your 911 call is answered and handled by a Centerville Police dispatcher located at the Centerville Police Headquarters—24-hours-a-day. Centerville dispatchers know our City and dispatch a Centerville officer without delay, knowing that every Centerville officer is a trained first responder. City Council is committed to supporting the outstanding men and women of the Centerville Police Department.

Road and public infrastructure news

The advent of summer means road, sidewalk and public infrastructure repairs, improvements and additions for many Centerville neighborhoods. City Council believes that emphasis on neighborhood roads and sidewalks and adding more pedestrian and bicycle friendly accessibility is critical to maintaining Centerville's quality neighborhoods.

State legislative action negatively impacts Centerville's budgeting

City Council's commitment to delivering the quality local services you expect and Centerville delivers has become much more difficult, as the state legislature passed and the Governor signed, legislation removing a great deal of local control over our budget. With the exception of our State Representative Jim Butler and State Senator Peggy Lehner, both of whom have supported Centerville throughout. Recent legislative sessions have been a relentless assault on local governments and their ability to provide quality local services. For Centerville alone, the impact from this state action will reduce monies available for Centerville local services approximately \$3 million ANNUALLY, or 20 percent of Centerville's general fund.

City Council responds to State cuts

Centerville staff and City Council recognized several years ago that the state legislature would likely try to resolve the state's financial problems by going after fiscally responsible local governments, like Centerville, which have managed their budgets more responsibly than the state. Centerville's fiscal management is evidenced by the fact that Centerville's last tax increase was 35 years ago and Centerville has the lowest earned income tax rate (1.75%) and property tax rate (2.35 mils) in southern Montgomery County.

City staff and City Council have been proactive and reduced total City employment by approximately 20 percent; refinanced Yankee Trace debt so that it will be paid off in 2018, seven years early, saving millions of dollars in debt service; streamlined trash and recycling collection; implemented numerous internal cuts reducing spending by \$1 million annually; and made Benham's Grove and Building Inspection Services self-sufficient.

So as the summer sets in, take advantage of all that Centerville offers, and know that your Centerville Council is exploring all options to maintain Centerville's long-term financial health and commitment to quality, not only for those of us who live and work in Centerville today, but for those who will do so in the future.

Have a great summer!

Brooks A. Compton

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The Centerville Town Crier is a continuing effort to improve communication between you and your City officials. Comments or suggestions for future issues are welcome and should be directed to the Office of the City Manager. Council members welcome your calls and emails.

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City Council7:30 p.m., third MON. monthly
Board of Architectural Review.....7:30 p.m., first TUE. monthly
City Planning Commission.....7:30 p.m., last TUE. monthly
Centerville Arts Commission.....7 p.m., first WED. monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals
& Property Review Commission.....At the call of chairperson

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee.....7 p.m., first TUE. monthly

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Yankee Trace staff recognized, welcomes new member



Steven Marino



Jordan Liddy

Congratulations to Yankee Trace head golf professional Steven Marino, named 2016 Southern Ohio Professional Golfers' Association Merchandiser of the Year for public golf courses. According to Joe Zinchini, PGA, and SOPGA special awards committee chair, following a comprehensive selection process, Marino was "indisputably the most deserving professional for this honor." The award will be presented during a SOPGA awards event in November. Marino has served as the

head golf professional at Yankee Trace since 2005. He oversees the Golf Shop, merchandising, golf academy lessons and programs as well as manages leagues and other events. The American Golf Corporation named him Merchandiser of the Year for 1997 and Golf Professional of the Year in 1999. He has achieved Class A PGA Member in Good Standing status since 1996.

A warm welcome to Jordan Liddy, who was appointed to the second assistant golf professional position at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. His responsibilities include assisting with the golf shop, working with leagues and providing customer service. He joins Head PGA professional Steven Marino and first assistant Matt Dulli. Previously employed by the Beavercreek Golf Club, Liddy is a 2015 graduate of Bowling Green State University, where he majored in sport management.



City offices holiday schedule

City offices will close Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection will run one day behind regular schedule those weeks.

JUNE-AUGUST CITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 5** 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series kicks off, Stubbs Park
- 10** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CSI Camp, Police Department
- 20** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting

JULY

- 3** 7 p.m. Americana Concert, Stubbs Park
- 4** Americana Festival
- 4** City Offices closed. Waste collection will occur one day following your regular pickup day.
- 15** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CSI Camp, Police Department
- 18** 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting
- 30** 1-4 p.m. Police Department Open House

AUGUST

- 31** Citizens Police Academy class begins

WEEKLY

Farmers Market: 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday
Jazz on the Green: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Yankee Trace
Concert Series: every Sunday, Stubbs Park, check schedule for start time
Brush drop-off: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Public Works

MONTHLY

Brush drop-off: 9 a.m.-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works

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